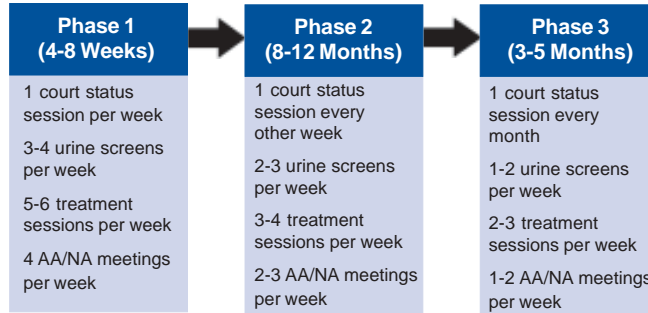


What is a Drug Court?

Structure of Kentucky Drug Courts



• Drug Court holds drug offenders accountable for their actions.

• Drug Court provides intensive supervision and drug abuse treatment for drug offenders in the local community.

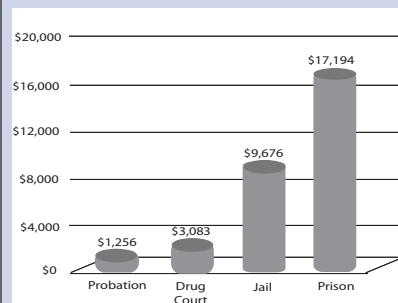
• Drug offenders remain in Drug Court for a minimum of one year

during which they progress through three program phases that emphasize:

- Accountability and responsibility
- Employment and productivity
- Rehabilitation and recovery
- Community service

Cost Comparisons of Criminal Justice Alternatives for Drug Offenders

Average Per Capita Cost: Correctional and Court Programs in Kentucky



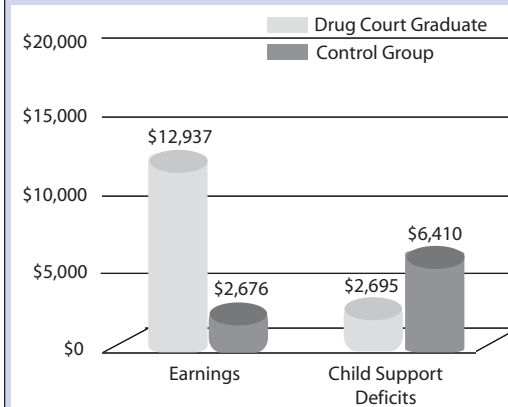
• Managing the drug offender in the community through Drug Court costs much less than sending a person to jail or prison.

• One year in Drug Court costs the Commonwealth less than one-third the cost of one year in jail.

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Productivity of Drug Court Graduates

Earnings and Child Support Deficits 12 Months After Drug Court Graduation

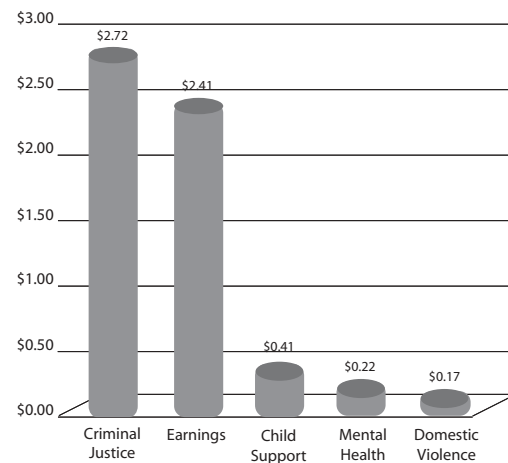


• Drug Court graduates had higher employment rates and earned significantly more from work in the year after Drug Court.

• Drug Court graduates owed significantly less child support one year after Drug Court than offenders on regular probation.

Cost Savings for Drug Court Graduates

Amount Returned for Every Dollar Spent on Drug Court Graduates



• A total of \$5.58 is returned for every dollar spent on Drug Court graduates.

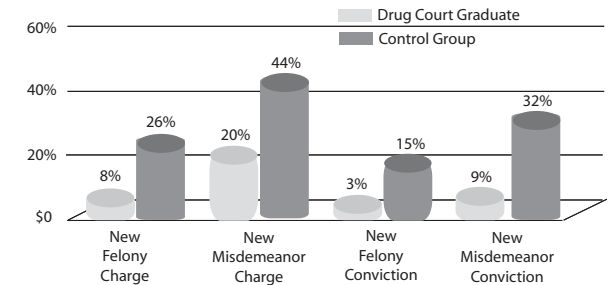
• The biggest return on investment in Drug Court comes from avoided costs to the criminal justice system, with \$2.72 in savings for every dollar spent on Drug Court graduates.

• Gains associated with increased earnings for Drug Court graduates result in \$2.41 returned for every dollar spent.

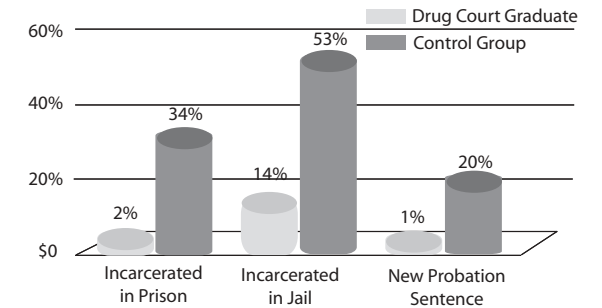
• Other financial returns for investing in Drug Court include savings associated with increased child support payments, reduced use of mental health services and reduced domestic violence.

Reduced Recidivism for Drug Court Graduates

New Charges and Convictions for Drug Court Graduates and Control Group



New Incarcerations for Drug Court Graduates and Control Group



Drug Court reduces recidivism among drug offenders, when compared to offenders on regular probation.

- ✓ Drug Court graduates receive significantly fewer new felony and misdemeanor charges.
- ✓ Drug Court graduates receive significantly fewer new felony and misdemeanor convictions.
- ✓ Drug Court graduates are much less likely to be reincarcerated in jail.
- ✓ Drug Court graduates are much less likely to be reincarcerated in prison.
- ✓ Drug Court graduates are much less likely to be placed on probation again.

Drug Court Works!

Drug Court is a shining example of Kentucky's success in specialty courts. Instead of spending time in jail, eligible Drug Court participants complete a substance abuse program supervised by a judge that lets them return to productive lives, including employment, paying child support and meeting other family obligations. Kentucky's war on drug abuse gains new momentum every time we secure new funding for Drug Court.

The Kentucky Court of Justice budget for the 2004-2006 biennium provides funding for expansion of Drug Court statewide. Through cooperation and partnerships with Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, the Kentucky Justice Cabinet, law enforcement, prosecutors, treatment providers and the courts, the services of Drug Court can be brought to the citizens of the 59 Kentucky counties where Drug Court funding currently does not exist.

Kentucky Counties Without Drug Court Funding

The Judicial Branch proposes the expansion of Drug Court to an additional 59 Kentucky counties:

Allen • Anderson • Barren • Boone • Boyd • Boyle
Bracken • Breckinridge • Bullitt • Butler • Calloway
Carroll • Carter • Crittenden • Edmonson • Elliott
Estill • Gallatin • Garrard • Grant • Graves
Grayson • Green • Fleming • Franklin
Hancock • Harrison • Hart • Henderson • Hopkins
Jessamine • Larue • Logan • Marion • Marshall
Mason • McCracken • McLean • Meade • Mercer
Metcalf • Monroe • Montgomery • Muhlenberg
Nelson • Nicholas • Pendleton • Powell • Robertson
Ohio • Owen • Shelby • Simpson • Spencer
Taylor • Todd • Union • Washington • Webster



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